

## SHIPS LAUNCHED TANDEM.

**THE NASHVILLE AND WINSTON-SALEM SLIDE FROM THE SAME WAY.**

**Two New Gunboats for Uncle Sam's Fleet Sent Into the Water at Newport News—The Care Necessary for the Launching**

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Oct. 19.—The launch of the gunboats Nashville and Wilmington to-day was made the occasion of an unusual naval demonstration. Admiral Bunce assembled the North Atlantic squadron in Hampton Roads for the occasion. The shipyard was crowded with

With a distinguished party came from Wilmington by special steamer to participate. The event was remarkable as the first instance on record of two war ships being launched on the same day in the same way. The vessels had been constructed by different contractors, other, "tandem" fashion, upon a continuous decline, the Nashville nearer the water with her bow a few feet from the Wilmington, both vessels being on the same stern foremost.

This arrangement was due to the fact that the works of the contractors had been installed for the erection of ships of the largest size, the building slips being of sufficient length to accommodate a 300 foot vessel. The combined length of the two slips was 450 feet, and the 485 feet 3/4 inches. Not only was ample space available for both ships, but it was also possible to deliver in position all the material used in their construction by a single crane which was mounted on a barge and floated on the water. The ground. This crane, with a lifting capacity of 50,000 pounds at the end of its 125 foot arm, also served an adjoining smaller slip, from which the steamer Newport News was recently launched. The steamer stands a party in the finished steamer of the Plant Line.

At 4 o'clock the Nashville started, while the Wilmington was towed by the tugboat. The captain of the Nashville, Mr. J. H. Smith, was accompanied by his wife and family. Seventeen other guests were on board.

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tion of the main was flushed, and the remaining portion of the cell was forced out through a hydrant.

The cell, when entire, had been about four feet long.

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**WOMAN'S SCREAMS IN BROADWAY.**

A Theatre Party, a Cab, and a Reconciliation in a Police Court.

The sound of a woman's screams was heard coming from a cab as it rolled up Broadway, south street about 1:30, o'clock yesterday.

The man gave the name of George W. Carlton, and said he was a merchant living at the corner of Third and Washington streets. He was thirty-eight years old, married, had three children, a typewriter, and lived at 232 West Twenty-eighth street, Carlton said. He said he had a \$500 check on the bank, and he had a \$100 bill in his pocket. The pair were taken to the West Forty-second street station house.

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**TO CROWD OUT WOMEN.**

**Mex Cigarette Makers Say the Girls and Women Keep Down Wages.**

A number of the men in the Cigarette Makers' Association are trying to organize a union which shall refuse membership to women and girls, and so start a movement to crowd them out of the trade. These men say that the girls keep wages down, and that therefore they ought to be excluded. A majority of the men in the assembly are in sympathy with the movement, and some of them denounce it as selfish and un-ethical.

The girls in the assembly were very indignant, and said that therefore they ought to be excluded yesterday.

It is the most cowardly idea I ever heard of, and the women are going to fight to resist as the men have, and they can't crowd us out of the